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THE TOLEDO MUSEUM OF ART PRESENTS MIKHAIL PIOTROVSKY

The Toledo Museum of Art and the Humanities Institute of the University of Toledo present Mikhail Piotrovsky, director of The State Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia, for an admission free lecture at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 23 in the Peristyle.

Piotrovsky will discuss *The History of The State Hermitage Museum* in conjunction with the exhibition, *British Art Treasures from Russian Imperial Collections in the Hermitage*, on view at The Toledo Museum of Art through May 11.

The Hermitage, once the Winter Palace that originally housed Catherine the Great's many art treasures, contains almost 3 million objects ranging from the Stone Age to the present day. Its 353 rooms puts it on equal footing with the Louvre in Paris, the British Museum in London and the Metropolitan Museum in New York as one of the world's great museums.

Piotrovsky was appointed Director of The Hermitage in July, 1992 by a decree of The Prime Minister of Russian Federation. Prior to that, Piotrovsky served as The Hermitage's First Deputy Director.

The lecture is supported by the Ohio Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Promotional support is provided in part by WGTE-FM 91.

For more information, call the Museum at (419) 255-8000.

For further information, contact Kristen Fritz, Communications Coordinator; or Kristi Koester, Public Relations Assistant; or Judy Weinberg, Coordinator of Public Programs. (419) 255-8000 (TDD).

The Toledo Museum of Art is a privately endowed, nonprofit arts institution. Admission to the Museum is free. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; closed Mondays and major holidays. Located at 2445 Monroe St. at Scottwood Avenue, just west of the downtown business district and one block off I-75 with exit designations posted.

The Toledo Museum of Art

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The residency and concert are sponsored in part by the College of Musical Arts' MidAmerican Center for Contemporary Music, New Music Ensemble and the Department of Music Composition/History. The program also is funded by the University's Faculty Development Committee and Women's Studies Program.